

ALBERT FRANCIS AND ALMIRA TIFFANY BETHERS



Albert Francis Bethers was born in Daniel on May 13, 1882, son of William S. and Phebe McM. Bethers. He married Almira Tiffany on July 26, 1909, at the City and County Bldg. in Salt Lake, the ceremony being solemnized later in the St. George Temple. She was born September 16, 1888, at Lehi, Arizona, daughter of George Mason and Sarah Jane York Tiffany.

Both are still living.

Albert, or Al, as he was called, was born May 13, 1882, son of William S. and Phebe McMillan Bethers, in a little log house with a dirt roof, near the spring on their homestead. He attended school and all Church activities, serving as secretary of the Sunday School in the old log schoolhouse on his father's farm. Later his children attended it when it was part of the Daniel School.

As a boy, he worked on his father's farm threshing and helping other farmers. He also worked with his father on the road in Daniel Canyon. At 17 he herded sheep, worked on the railroad in Provo Canyon and in the mines at Park City.

In January, 1906, he attended school at BYU High School, living with the Lawrence Anderson family, who were staying there so their children could attend the BYU.

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Their oldest son, Albert, was caring for the farm in Daniel.

Here Al met Almira Tiffany, a young lady of 17 years, who had come from the little town of Lehi, Maricopa County, Arizona, to attend the B. Y. Academy. She was the daughter of George Mason and Sarah Jane York Tiffany, formerly of Provo, Utah. Her parents had been called by President Wilford Woodruff to go there in 1885, to help colonize the Salt River Valley. Her father was a brick moulder and burner by trade, so could help much there. They took up land in the farming town of Lehi and built their first home, where Almira was born. It is located just four miles north from Mesa.

Her parents were called as missionaries among the Indians. The Papago Ward was organized and her father was chosen as counselor to the bishop for six years and then as bishop for 12 years, and her mother was a counselor in the Relief Society and a doctor woman for both Indians and white people.

In August, 1906, her father was released as bishop because of ill health, in addition to a desire to return to Utah. He sold his farm and new brick home and came to Provo. In March, 1909, he died and in April, 1909, Al's mother died.

The couple was married at the City and County Bldg. in Salt Lake City and went to Daniel to make their home, where they lived 35 years.

In October, 1926, they left with a wagon and horses and went to St. George, where they and their eight children went through the temple, then on to the place where Almira was born. Two of their horses died on the way, so Mira's brother, Asa Y. Tiffany, met them and took them to his home. In April, 1927, they decided to come back to Daniel, so Mira and six of the children returned, staying with Henry and Hester Bethers while Al, Dean and Leslie remained and earned enough to buy two horses to bring the wagon home. Their youngest child was ten days old when Al and the boys arrived home.

Mira always worked in the Church, in the Relief Society, and as visiting teacher. She has a good voice, so sings in the choirs, at present in the Temple View Stake Choir.

They moved from Daniel to Heber Sec-

ond Ward in 1943, then to the First Ward, Park Stake, in Salt Lake, and in 1945 to the Thirtieth Ward, where they now reside. Mira has been a member of Camp One, Daughters of Utah Pioneers, since 1944, and historian of the same camp since 1951, where she still serves. She also is a member of Camp 30, DUP, since 1945, and class leader since 1951. She also is a member of North Salt Lake County camp and the North Center Salt Lake County camp.

They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary July 26, 1959.

They are the parents of the following children:

Bishop Dean Bethers, born August 6, 1910, married Arthella Remund.

Leslie Bethers, born October 31, 1911, married Mabel Lewis.

Norma, born June 29, 1913, married Cloyd Nielson.

Effie, born May 9, 1915, married Ellis Thacker, who later died; married Earl Thomas.

Alvin, born August 7, 1917, married Dorothy Duke.

Irene, born April 27, 1919, married Fred Llewellyn.

Howard, born April 12, 1923, married Donna Cracroft.

Ned, born December 17, 1924, married Jeannie Lelykins.

Irma, born April 29, 1927, married Leo C. Owen.